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HOYNE FOR STATE'S ATTORNEY.—Whether it was fool friends or cunning enemies who started a newspaper boom for Hoyne for mayor, the chances are that Hoyne's head hasn't swelled a little bit. And my bet is that he won't fall for it. He has just been elected for another four-year term as state's attorney, and isn't so foolish as to spend the first two years of that term posing before the public as a candidate for mayor. Hoyne was not elected state's attorney because he ran as a Democrat, but in spite of that fact. The vote that elected him was non-partisan. He owes Cook county a non-partisan administration of the state's attorney's office, and will probably pay the debt. He can't do that, however, and be a candidate for the Democratic nomination for mayor at the same time.

CHICAGO AS A LEADER.—Talking about military training in the public schools, the Trib says: "There is an opportunity to make Chicago a leader among the cities." Gee, whiz, Trib, Chicago is a leader among the cities in a public school way now. Jake Loeb, as president of the school board, has made Chicago known from one end of the country to another as the city where Big Business runs the school board with a free in-

surance agent and fires the best teachers because they exercised their American right to organize. In the eyes of the educational element of the country, Chicago's leadership is typified by the person of Jake Loeb. To outsiders it indicates that Chicago culture is a Jake Loeb culture. Locally that might be considered a step in advance over our historic stockyards culture, something a bit more refined than the mere hogghishness of our beefy aristocracy, but in other educational centers the distinction isn't so noticeable. All the same, Chicago is a leader among cities, with Jake Loeb marching at the head of the parade.

JUSTICE ON THE JOB.—Why don't other judges learn something from the methods of Judge Landis? With little to do with local crime, and small chance to get at criminals except when they violate federal laws, he has turned up more crookedness than all of the other judges sitting in Chicago. And I include the state and municipal courts. Judge Landis doesn't sit up on the bench like a solemn old owl and leave everything to the lawyers. He gets in the game himself and makes the law human enough to be interesting—and to command respect. When he scents perjury on the witness stand he gets busy and drags it out into the open. Crooks who have laughed at the law under the very noses of political judges so long that they consider it a joke, tremble with fear when Landis goes after them—and come across with the truth. Of course it takes more than a reading knowledge of law books to be that kind of a judge. It takes more than familiarity with precedent, tradition, superstition and authority. It takes red-blood, common sense, brains and guts. A man might be judge without having any of these, provided he was a Democrat or Republican, but he can't be a Landis without them. For a long time perjury has been a